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SUBJ: YUGOSLAVS LOOKING WEST FOR ARMS

1. NOTE IN PASSING FURTHER EVIDENCE TO CONFIRM PITCH MADE TO VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE AND ADMIRAL HOLLOWAY ABOUT YUGOSLAV DESIRE TO TURN TO THE WEST FOR ARMS. TITO TOOK SAME LINE WITH ITALIAN FONMIN FORLANI JUNE 6TH IN STRONGLY URGING CLOSE MILITARY COOPERATION. DEFENSE SECRETARY LJUBICIC, AIR FORCE CHIEF CEMALOVIC AND OTHER SENIOR GENERALS GOING TO PARIS JUNE 10-12 IN PART FOR AIR SHOW BUT ALSO TO PUSH OVERALL STRENGTHENING OF FRENCH-YUGOSLAV MILITARY TIES. DEPUTY DEFENSE SECRETARY SUMONJA IS GOING TO THE NETHERLANDS AS AMBASSADOR, AND YUGOSLAVS CONTINUE TO PURSUE WARMING MILITARY-TO-MILITARY RELATIONS WITH GREECE.

2. HOPE U.S. REPRESENTATIVES AT PARIS AIR SHOW WILL BE MADE AWARE OF LJUBICIC VISIT AND WILL EXTEND WHATEVER SERVICES POSSIBLE. THIS IS UNUSUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO GET TO ONE OF MOST INFLUENTIAL MEN IN THIS COUNTRY
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AND TO TAKE ANOTHER STEP TOWARD CLOSER COOPERATION IN MILITARY FIELD.
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